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Subject: Collaboration in NEPA for the "Lostine Corridor Public Safety Project"

Importance: High

Dear Kris,

Thank you for considering my concerns about the process utilized and the NEPA procedures followed for the "Lostine Corridor Public Safety Project".

In case you are not familiar with these two documents, I am attaching:

- **“Collaboration in NEPA: A Handbook for NEPA Practitioners”**, Council on Environmental Quality (October 2007)
- **“Memorandum on Environmental Collaboration and Conflict Resolution”**, Office of Management and Budget and Council on Environmental Quality (September 2012)

These two documents provide direction and guidance for how federal agencies should be incorporating collaboration into their NEPA decision-making processes.

The OMB/CEQ memo directs all executive branch departments and agencies to increase the appropriate and effective use of collaboration in carrying out their responsibilities under their organic acts and enabling legislation, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and other laws in effect to manage and conserve our environment, natural resources, and public lands.

If the District has limited capacity for designing and conducting collaborative NEPA processes, I would be happy to assist you. In my previous position with the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, I worked closely with CEQ in developing their handbook on “Collaboration in NEPA” and in providing CEQ-sponsored training to federal agency personnel on “Collaboration in NEPA”, as well as assisting a wide range of federal agencies in designing, convening, and facilitating collaborative NEPA processes.

Please feel free to contact me for additional information.

Thank you for your continued public service.

Sincerely,

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